

**ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICERS COMMITTEE**  
Office of the Surgeon General  
United States Public Health Service

Minutes of the Meeting  
24 July 2002

- I. LOCATION/DATE/TIME:**  
Parklawn Building, Rockville, MD: Surgeon General's Conference Room 15-59,  
24 July 2002; 1200 – 1300 hours

**II. ATTENDANCE:**

**A. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** \*Teleconference\*

LT Kai Chiu*	I H S	
LCDR Jennifer Fan	FDA	(Executive Secretary)
LT Cheryl Fajardo	HRSA	(Vice Chair)
CDR Elmer Guerrero*	I H S	
LT Janice Kim*	BOP	
LCDR Rao Koppaka*	CDC	
LCDR Gor Yee Lum*	HRSA	
CAPT Arnulfo Manangan*	CDC	
LCDR Sue Newman*	BOP	
CDR Sarath Seneviratne	HRSA	
LCDR Kenneth Sun*	I H S	
LCDR Samuel Wu	FDA	
LCDR Elise Young	HRSA	(Chair)

**B. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

CAPT Allan Lock*	NIH
CDR Hung Trinh	FDA

**C. MEMBERS EXCUSED OR ABSENT:**

LTJG Julian Canizares	FDA	(Corresponding Secretary)
LCDR Patricia Garvey	FDA	(Treasurer)
LT Anna Gazaks	I H S	
CDR Hoang Nguyen	HRSA	
CAPT Julia Stokes	BOP	
LCDR Hye-Joo Kim	FDA	
LT Yoon Kong	FDA	
CAPT Wendall Wainright	HRSA	
LT Graydon Yatabe	I H S	
LT Anna Gonzales	EPA	
LT Celia Gabrel	HRSA	
LCDR Koung Lee	FDA	
CAPT Rao Surampalli	EPA	
CAPT Winston Wong	HRSA	

### III. STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS AND REPORTS:

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order on 24 July 2002 at 1200 hours by LCDR Elise Young, Chairperson. [INFO]
- B. GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR: LCDR Elise Young welcomed the APAOC members and greeted the guests to the meeting. [INFO]
- C. APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES: The minutes from the last meeting 19 June 2002 were reviewed and approved. [CLOSED]
- D. TREASURER REPORT: LCDR Patricia Garvey was unavailable. LCDR Fan reported that there is currently a net balance of \$842.30. Treasurer's report for 19 June 2002 and 24 July 2002 were reviewed and approved.
- E. MOLC REPORT: LCDR Elise Young
  - 1. The new Surgeon General, Dr. Carmona, was approved 23 July 2002. MOLC and its sub committees will provide a briefing packet to the new Surgeon General.
  - 2. The MOLC, BCOAG, and HOAG Charter are still in process. The Native American and APAOC Charter are finished.

### IV. BUSINESS:

- A. 2002/03 APAOC Executive Committee Nominations: LCDR Elise Young

- 1. The slate presented consists of the following nominations:

- Chair

- LT Cheryl Lynn Fajardo
    - CDR Sarath Seneviratne

- Vice Chair

- LCDR Jennifer Fan

- Executive Secretary

- LCDR Koung Lee
    - CDR Hoang Nguyen

- Treasurer

- LCDR Patricia Garvey
    - Ms. Frances Nguyen

- Corresponding Secretary

- LCDR Samuel Wu

- MOLC Representative

- LCDR Elise Young
    - LCDR Gor Yee Lum

- 2. CDR Sarath Seneviratne regretfully declines the nomination of APAOC Chair.

3. CAPT Lock stated that there are usually 2 MOLC representatives from APAOC. APAOC, who is currently Chair until 31 December 2003, will serve as Recorder for the next MOLC term.
4. The voting should take place before the next APAOC meeting in August. The slate will go out to all the voting members. September will be the transition time and the newly elected officers will be seated by 01 October 2002.
5. The revised APAOC nomination slate for the year 2002/2003 was reviewed and approved.

**B. Sub-Committee Reports**

1. AWARDS: CDR Sarath Seneviratne  
  
CDR Seneviratne will resend the write-up for awards and other information to LCDR Young.
2. MEMBERSHIP AND NOMINATIONS: LCDR Samuel Wu
  - (a) There has been 6-7 nominations for APAOC membership. The packets are prepared. The closing deadline is 15 August 2002.
  - (b) Nominations for APAOC membership are still ongoing. Members do not have to be Asian or Commissioned Corps.
  - (c) LT Fajardo stated that CDR Elizabeth Pierce has asked to withdraw her name from APAOC membership. Therefore, there are 2 APAOC voting positions available.
3. CAREER DEVELOPMENT: LCDR Koung Lee was unavailable.  
  
LCDR Young stated that BCOAG and APAOC are together working on a presentation for Commissioned Corps career development.
4. CHARTER: See MOLC Report.

**C. PAC Reports**

1. SG PAC: A letter was sent to RADM Moritsugu in regards to the 6<sup>th</sup> precept (Agency Recommendations). RADM Moritsugu stated that more information is needed before a decision will be made on the 6<sup>th</sup> precept. Therefore, the 6<sup>th</sup> precept will remain in effect for this year's promotion cycle.
2. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PAC: There is a CD-ROM for EHO recruitment purposes.
3. PHARMACY PAC: CAPT Frank Nice has retired. Currently, LT Elizabeth Yuan is Acting Chair for the Pharmacy PAC.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**


- A. There will be a 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Army Force Health Protection Conference and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual DOD Population Health & Health Promotion Conference from August 8-11, 2002 in Baltimore. The website is <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/thp/schedule.asp>. Information will be e-mailed to APAOC members.

- B. The HHS Command Center is looking for officers for 2 week and weekend deployments. Information will be e-mailed to APAOC members.
- C. The Secretary's Command Center (SCC) at the Department of Health and Human Services has 4 positions available. Information will be e-mailed to APAOC members.
- D. LCDR Newman will be attending her 20<sup>th</sup> high school reunion in Hawaii.
- E. LT Fajardo stated that usually in March, 4 universities in Hawaii will be holding back-to-back recruiting sessions. It would be a good opportunity for PHS Officers to recruit.
- F. LCDR Young stated that there still has been no feedback from RADM Davidson on the minority officers list. LCDR Young will try to get in touch with him again.
- G. LT Fajardo has forward CDR Dale Hu's inquiry regarding the promotion rate of Asian Pacific American Officers in the Commissioned Corps to the DHHS Asian Group.
- H. LCDR Young mentioned that she is in the process of inviting John Duong, White House API Initiative, to the APAOC September meeting.
- I. LCDR Young stated that she went to Barcelona for an AIDS meeting. Two of the sessions focused on Asia. Topics included hospital conditions in Thailand and India and global response of HIV in the Chinese community (stories and stigmas). The next meeting will be in 2 years in Bangkok.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT—NEXT MEETINGS:** The APAOC meeting was adjourned at 1300 hours.

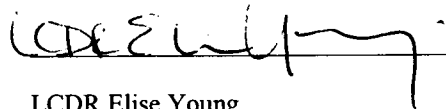
A. APAOC MEETING: The next meeting will be 21 August 2002 at 1200 in Parklawn 18-57. [INFO]

Submitted by:



LCDR Jennifer Fan  
Executive Secretary

Date 07-24-2002



LCDR Elise Young  
Chair

Date 07-24-2002